



## Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Bryan Collier  
Executive Director

October 31, 2019

Honorable Ken Paxton  
Office of the Attorney General  
Open Records Division  
P.O. Box 12548  
Austin, TX 78711-2548

RE: Public Information Request Submitted by Wynn Bostick – OGC#ML00020

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

On October 16, 2019, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) received a request under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, the *Public Information Act* (PIA) from Wynn Bostick. A copy of the request and the notification letter sent to the requester is attached as *Attachment A*.

The TDCJ asserts documents responsive to this request contain information that is excepted from disclosure under the PIA. Specifically, the TDCJ invokes all of the exceptions provided by, and the exceptions incorporated into, Texas Government Code sections 552.028 and 552.101 through 552.158 of the PIA. Accordingly, we request a decision as to whether the exceptions apply. To assist in your review, the TDCJ will provide written comments and the responsive documents, or a representative sample of the responsive documents, no later than the 15th business day from the date the request was received.

If additional information is needed, please contact this office at 936-437-6700 or via email at [ogcopenrecords@tdcj.texas.gov](mailto:ogcopenrecords@tdcj.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Morrell", written over the typed name.

Nicholas A. Morrell  
Assistant General Counsel

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Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
Texas Public Information Act Office  
P.O. Box 99  
Huntsville, TX 77340

October 2, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Policies, procedures and/or documents pertaining to indexing for FamilySearch, otherwise known as Intellectual Reserve, Inc. or FamilySearch International, a genealogical non-profit operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) by inmates within facilities run by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. This includes any documents regarding Family History Centers operated within such facilities, and any documents referencing LDS Correctional Services, a division of LDS. Examples of such documents include contracts between the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and FamilySearch, often called a "Memorandum of Understanding," with an attachment describing FamilySearch's assistance.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

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